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1. Some of the scientific engineering-technical societies of industry and transportation which were formed during the 1930-1932 period in the USSR are:
  - (a) Mining
  - (b) Metallurgy
  - (c) Chemistry
  - (d) Mechanical engineering
  - (e) Foundry working
  - (f) Construction
  - (g) Water transportation
  - (h) Communications and others
2. The work of these societies, although voluntary, is under governmental control through the following two channels:
  - (a) Through the corresponding ministries to which the societies are subordinated (directly) to the technical administrations and technical councils of the ministries).
  - (b) Through the All-Union Council of Scientific Engineering-Technical Societies VSNITO, which is charged with the following principal duties:
    - (1) Organization and coordination of the work of the scientific engineering-technical societies
    - (2) Discussion of thematic work plans for the societies
    - (3) Giving procedural guidance for work cooperation between the societies and committees, ie, general administration.
    - (4) Controlling the practical work of the societies
    - (5) Processing and approving regulations
    - (6) Liaison between the societies and the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, the Academy of Sciences of the Union Republics, the scientific research institutes of the Academy of Sciences and their affiliates.

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(7) Maintenance of forms and membership cards and collection of membership dues.

(8) Approval of newly organized scientific engineering-technical societies.

3. In 1951, the structure of the All-Union Council of Scientific Engineering-Technical Societies was made up as follows: At the head was a chairman and vice chairman who were elected formally at a general conference of chairmen of the scientific engineering-technical societies. Actually I never heard of a case where the chairman and vice-chairman were elected. They were simply appointed without the knowledge of the other members. The council also has a scientific secretary and members. Membership is assigned according to the various branches represented, machine construction, transportation, industrial construction, etc. Thus every member of the Council is like a leader of an individual section, ie, a Scientific Engineering-Technical Society of a given branch or related branches comes under his jurisdiction.

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